

THE LEAGUE SEASON OPENS HERE TOMORROW.

GET INTO GAME

Islanders Stop Losing Streak
With Defeat for Connors' Bloomers.

BOTH SIDES ERRED OFTEN

Decatur Losing to Dubuque Leaves
McConnell's Men in Tie for Last Place.

THREE-EYE LEAGUE
Rock Island, 7; Bloomington, 5.
Peoria, 8; Cedar Rapids, 7.
Springfield, 7; Davenport, 0.
Dubuque, 4; Decatur, 3.

GAMES TOMORROW.
Peoria at Rock Island.
Bloomington at Cedar Rapids.

Bloomington, Ill., May 8.—In a game replete with errors on both sides, Rock Island yesterday broke the losing streak by taking Bloomington into camp 7 to 5. The misplays figured largely in the scoring and those of the Islanders, while more numerous, were the less costly. Bloomington showed a general lack of headwork, while Rock Island took advantage of the chances.

Story of Runs.
In the first inning Carlisle drew a pass and Swalm lifted an infield fly which both Smith and Beck went after. The men collided and the ball rolled towards second. Nobody was near until finally Snyder raced after it and threw wild to third to head off Carlisle, who was tearing home. The runner scored and Swalm reached third. The umpire declared him out on an infield fly, but evidently erred. Wanner also drew a pass, went to second on an out and scored on Wilson's safe one. There was nothing doing for the visitors after that until the fourth when Wilson got a life when Smith let a ball thrown by Snyder go through him. He reached third and scored on an out.

In the fifth Carlisle drew a pass and went to third on Wilson's bad throw, scoring on Wanner's drive. The game was won in the eighth when Swalm singled, Beck threw wild in handling Wanner's bunt, Vandine's scratch hit got through Snyder and a safe one was

Miller, cf	1	0	2	1	0
Smith, 1b	2	1	1	0	1
Snyder, ss	1	1	1	2	1
Wilson, c	0	1	0	0	1
Beck, p	0	0	0	2	1

Total 5 8 27 10 4

Score by innings:
Rock Island 2 0 0 1 1 0 0 3 0—7
Bloomington 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 3 0—5
Two base hits—Whitmore, Smith.
Struck out—By Beck, 10; by Lakoff, 8.
Bases on balls—Off Beck, 5. HR by pitched ball—Bacon, Stolen bases—Snyder, Carlisle, Vandine, Forney.
Time—1:45. Umpire—Farnley.

Peoria, 8; Cedar Rapids, 7.
Peoria, Ill., May 8.—Peoria won in a long but closely contested game with Cedar Rapids by a score of 8 to 7. The features were the hitting of both teams. Score:

PEORIA.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Graham, cf	0	0	1	0	0
Raymond, ss	2	3	1	1	0
Egan, 3b	0	1	3	1	1
Brewer, 1b	1	0	2	0	1
Hughes, 2b	1	1	5	0	0
F. Spencer, c	1	1	1	1	1
Levings, rf	2	2	0	0	0
Roach, p	1	2	1	0	0

Total 7 10 21 5 2

CEDAR RAPIDS.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Davis, 1b	2	4	2	0	0
Oakes, cf	0	1	1	0	0
Wilson, 2b	0	0	1	0	0
Curtis, 1b	0	0	0	0	0
Ball, ss	2	2	0	0	0
Spencer, 3b	1	3	2	1	0
Berry, c	1	0	7	1	1
Stevenson, rf	1	0	2	0	0
Boekwitz, p	0	0	0	3	1

Total 7 11 24 5 2

Score by innings:
Peoria 0 4 0 1 0 1 0 2—8
Cedar Rapids 0 4 0 0 0 0 1 1—7

Two base hits—Levings, Raymond, Davis, Ball, Spencer. Three base hits—Hughes, Raymond, Spencer, Davis. Home run—Spencer. Sacrifice hits—Graham, 2, Roach, Stolen bases—Brewer, Egan, Davis, Ball. Bases on balls—Off Roach, 2; of Boekwitz, 4. Struck out—By Roach, 11; by Boekwitz, 7. Umpire—Lawrence. Time—2:20.

Springfield, 7; Davenport, 0.

Lelivelt was hit hard, and Davenport went to pieces in the fourth inning, which allowed the visitors five scores. The score:

DAVENPORT.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Ruby, 1b	0	0	2	1	0

Bruggeman, Time—1:35. Umpire—Ramsey.

Dubuque, 4; Decatur, 3.
Dubuque, Iowa, May 8.—Three singles, a base on balls and Hadley's double gave Dubuque four runs in the second inning. An error gave Decatur two runs in the first. Score:

DUBUQUE.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Davidson, 1b	0	0	1	0	0
Hadley, ss	0	1	1	3	1
McFarland, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Bosse, 1b	1	1	1	0	0
Reagan, cf	1	2	3	0	0
Blackburn, 2b	1	1	0	3	1
Reitz, 3b	0	0	0	5	0
Stark, c	1	0	1	1	0
Darrab, p	0	0	0	1	0

Total 4 5 27 12 2

DECATUR.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Purtell, 3b	1	2	0	2	0
O'Connor, ss	0	0	1	1	0
Kuhn, 1b	0	0	1	2	0
Swacina, cf	1	1	3	0	0
Lewee, 2b	0	1	3	1	1
Lewis, rf	0	1	1	0	0
Copeland, 1b	1	2	0	0	1
Lemon, c	0	1	4	1	0
Bittruff, p	0	1	0	1	0
Syfer, p	0	0	0	4	0

Total 3 9 24 10 2

Score by innings:
Dubuque 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0—4
Decatur 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—3

Two base hits—Hadley, Lewee, Swacina. Three base hit—Purtell. Bases on balls—Off Darrab, 1; off Bittruff, 1. Struck out—By Darrab, 7; by Bittruff, 1; by Syfer, 2. Passed ball—Lemon. Stolen base—Copeland. Umpire—Caruthers. Time—1:35.

RECORD OF LEAGUES

THREE-EYE LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Peoria	4	1	.800
Springfield	3	2	.600
Dubuque	3	2	.600
Cedar Rapids	3	2	.600
Davenport	2	3	.400
Bloomington	2	3	.400
ROCK ISLAND	1	4	.200
Decatur	1	4	.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	16	6	.727
New York	15	6	.714
Philadelphia	13	9	.591
Pittsburg	10	10	.500
Boston	9	12	.429
St. Louis	8	11	.421

TEAM COMES HOME

Opening of Three Eye Season in
Rock Island Tomorrow
Afternoon.

BEAT PEORIA ATTENDANCE

Encouragement in Breaking of Losing
Streak—Many Improvements at
Island City Park.

The Three-Eye league baseball season opens in Rock Island tomorrow afternoon, when Peoria comes for a return engagement at Island City park. The game will be called at 3:45, prior to which hour there will be a trolley parade of the two teams. Mayor McCaskin will make a short address and toss up the first ball.

With the backbone of their losing streak broken, the Islanders will return for the opening game at Island City park tomorrow, where they will have the advantage of home grounds, enthusiastic supporters and other things that could be claimed only by their opponents in the games that have been played away from home.

There is one thing about Rock Island fans that can always be counted on, and that is no matter how bad the Islanders may have been acting around the circuit, they are always given an enthusiastic reception when they get home, and this year will be no exception, even if they have only the one game to their credit when they open the season on their home grounds.

Have Been More Fortunate.

Last year they were a little more fortunate, however, in opening the season away from home. They split even on the eight games played and broke away at Island City with four won and four lost.

Peoria comes tomorrow for three games and stranger things have happened than the turning of the table on them, although Buelew has gathered together a bunch that is upholding a practice what it looked like on paper—a winning baseball team. When Peoria is through the Bloomers come and an opportunity will be given to see how they behave away from home.

Best Grounds in League.

The opening this year is not quite so important an occasion as that of 1905. Upon that occasion there was a dual celebration, the dedication of the new park being almost as pleasurable an occasion as the beginning of the home series.

This year there is no dedication, but the person who has not visited the Island City grounds since the close of the Three Eye league season last year will see many improvements, which to gether mark it as the best ground in the league.

Important of these improvements is the double fence that has been completed. A few feet inside and some distance higher the advertising board have been placed, and the grounds between the horse rail and the clubhouse—two sides—are enclosed by a double fence. The front of the grand stand which was being broken by foul balls has been replaced by heavier material, and when one strikes now it is with a kind that takes it back to the catcher, instead of mutilating the back stop. The top seats on the bleachers have been backed up with boards, and the wind is thus kept from the top row, and danger of anyone tumbling overboard in getting out of the way of a foul ball is eliminated.

At the gate a turnstile will register the admissions, and the crowding that has been a feature of the past will remain a feature of that period along with other things that have been left behind in Rock Island's progress in the baseball world.

See the First Game.

What the fan with cold feet does for a baseball team has been so often exemplified in Davenport that none in Rock Island need be told about it, but it is urged that everybody see the opening of the season here. If possible Rock Island should beat Peoria's record of the same occasion. What the Islanders have done in the past can be seen in the records below, and they will keep up the good average this year if they are given the proper boost at the start. Give it to them.

Following are the records of the years since the organization of the Three-Eye league:

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Dubuque	123	70	53	.569
Rock Island	123	68	55	.555
Springfield	122	64	58	.525
Decatur	121	63	58	.521
Cedar Rapids	124	63	61	.508
Bloomington	125	60	65	.480
Davenport	123	56	67	.455
Peoria	123	48	75	.390

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Springfield	120	72	48	.600
Cedar Rapids	122	70	52	.574
Dubuque	123	70	53	.568
Bloomington	121	69	51	.569
Decatur	121	59	62	.488
Rock Island	122	57	65	.467
Davenport	121	52	69	.430
Rockford	126	48	78	.381

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Bloomington	119	72	47	.605
Decatur	117	66	51	.564
Davenport	118	65	53	.551

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Rock Island 118 64 54 .542
Cedar Rapids 120 60 60 .500
Rockford 117 58 59 .496
Dubuque 121 63 81 .437
Springfield 122 62 60 .514

1902. P. W. L. Pct.
Rockford 123 73 50 .593
Terre Haute 123 70 53 .569
Cedar Rapids 118 63 55 .534
Rock Island 122 61 61 .500
Davenport 121 59 62 .488
Evansville 123 55 68 .447
Decatur 124 55 69 .444

Ross Thornton is to be married. His bride is to be Miss Clara Noble Bell of Knightstown, Ind. Whether this has been the deterrent influence that



THE ROCK ISLAND TEAM OF 1903
That distinguished itself by beating Davenport 16 out of 18 games.

1901. P. W. L. Pct.
Terre Haute 111 72 39 .643
Cedar Rapids 112 69 43 .617
Bloomington 112 68 44 .607
Rockford 112 56 56 .500
Davenport 112 51 61 .455
Evansville 112 47 65 .420
Rock Island 111 45 66 .405
Decatur 112 39 73 .348

ago. Something evidently wrong with Connery, who was selected for the first sack. Connery of Bloomington decided to accept Barker's terms, which had prevented that pitcher from getting on before the season started. Other similar instances will no doubt develop.

Yesterday's Results.
NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Chicago, 3; Pittsburg, 2.
Brooklyn, 6; New York, 0.
Philadelphia, 3; Boston, 2.
St. Louis, 2; Cincinnati, 2 (15 innings).

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
St. Louis, 10; Chicago, 9.
Detroit, 8; Cleveland, 3.
New York, 7; Washington, 2.
Philadelphia, 4; Boston, 0.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
Louisville, 15; Kansas City, 3.
Milwaukee, 11; Indianapolis, 1.
Minneapolis, 5; Toledo, 3.
Columbus, 7; St. Paul, 2.

WESTERN LEAGUE.
Des Moines, 7; Des Moines, 4.
Sioux City, 9; Pueblo, 7.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.
South Bend, 4; Springfield, 0.
Evansville, 5; Wheeling, 0.
Grand Rapids, 11; Dayton, 5.
Terre Haute, 6; Canton, 5.

The Rock Island team is not yet entirely complete. The regular first baseman will not be on hand until the middle of the month, and the team is still without a reliable short stop. When



LAST YEAR'S ROCK ISLAND BALL TEAM.
Which made the best record of any local aggregation since the forming of the Three-Eye league, and which beat Davenport 14 out of 18 games. Manager McConnell and most of the players are with this year's team.

sent to right by McConnell. Bloomington scored two in the second. Miller got a life on a fumble by Bacon and made the circuit when Swalm threw wild past third. Smith hit for two bags and scored on Wilson's single.

Three on An Error.
In the eighth Whitmore lifted a Texas leaguer to left which netted him two sacks. Dick Smith lifted a long fly, which Wilson dropped and which enabled Whitmore to score. Then Snyder banged the ball to right for a single, scoring Smith. Roy stole and got home when Forney made a bad throw in handling Wilson's grounder. Wilson was caught stealing. The score:

ROCK ISLAND.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Carlisle, cf	2	0	3	0	0
Swalm, rf	1	1	4	0	1
Wanner, 2b	2	2	2	0	0
Vandine, 3b	1	1	0	0	0
Wilson, 1b	1	1	0	0	1
Racon, 1b	0	0	7	0	1
Forney, ss	0	0	2	2	3
McConnell, c	0	1	3	0	0
Lakoff, p	0	0	1	0	0

Total 7 6 27 8 6

BLOOMINGTON.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Henline, rf	0	2	1	0	0
Greubner, 3b	0	1	0	3	0
Vogel, 2b	0	1	1	2	0
Whitmore, 1b	1	1	1	0	0

Total 1 6 5 6 0

Score by innings:
Davenport 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Springfield 0 0 1 5 0 1 0 0—7

Two base hits—Scharnweber, J. Burg. Stolen base—J. Burg. Sacrifice hit—Novacek. Bases on balls—Off Lelivelt, 3; off Hofer, 2. Struck out—By Lelivelt, 3; by Ruby, 2; by Hofer, 2. Double plays—Wolf to Connery; Harrod to Crockett; Crockett to Ruby. Wild pitch—Lelivelt. Passed ball—